(b) if so, the total number of cases investigated by CBI from March, 1998 to December, 2001; and

(c) the total number of cases out of them in which investigation has been completed, so far, and number of cases in which proof of conviction has been established?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Regulatory body for cable operators

1561. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Cable TV Equipment Trader and Manufacturers' Association (CTMA) urged Government to set up a Regulatory body on the lines of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI);

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken to check arbitrary increases in subscriptions by the cable operators?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No such request has been received by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) At present, there is no legal provision to regulate the subscription charged by the Cable and Multi Service Operators and Channel companies. Government is examining the feasibility of mandating Conditional Access System (CAS) for Pay Channel viewing through cable, which would, *inter alia*, enable the consumer to pay for only those Pay Channels, from among such Pay Channels offered by the Cable Operator, that the consumer subscribes for. The

Task Force consisting of the stake holders including representatives of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Cable Operators, Multi Service Operators (MSOs) and Broadcasters has been constituted to examine all the aspects related to the subject and make recommedations. The Task Force is finalising its Report. No time-frame can be indicated at present.

Team for inspection of services provided by cable operators

†1562. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to constitute any team for inspection of services being provided by cable operators to the TV users or open complaint centres;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to fix the amount being collected from the users by cable operators; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) There are no legal provisions for inspection of service being provided by Cable Operators or for regulation of subscription fee being charged by the Cable Operators, Multi Service Operators/Channels. The Chairman of the Inter-Media Publicity Coordination Committee of each State has been asked to receive complaints against the cable television network operators and follow them up with the concerned authorised officers for appropriate redressal. There is no proposal to open complaint centres.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.